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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, US, IT

SUBJECT: PUBLIC STATEMENT ON EUROCOMMUNISM

REF: ROME 5882

1. I APPRECIATED YOUR VIEWS ON OUR RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT ON POLICY TOWARD WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. THE CHOICE OF THE WORD "DOMINATION" SEEMED TO US IN THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE TWO ADVANTAGES OVER "PARTICIPATION": (A) IT APPLIES TO A CONTEXT WIDER THAN ITALY ALONE; (B) IT HAS AN INTENTIONAL AMBIGUITY, LEAVING THE JUDGMENT OF SPECIFIC FUTURE EVENTS IN OUR HANDS. I RECOGNIZE THAT SOME PEOPLE IN ITALY HAVE TAKEN THE USE OF THIS WORD TO IMPLY A WEAKENING OF OUR POSITION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PLAY DOWN THE WORD "DOMINATION" AND PLAY UP THE BROADER THEMES. YOU MAY EMPHASIZE IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES
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2. AS FOR THE EVANS-NOVAK ARTICLE, WE FEEL THAT A PUBLIC REBUTTAL WOULD ONLY GIVE IT MORE CREDENCE THAN IT DESERVES. HOWEVER, IF ANY NOTION OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN YOU AND US IN WASHINGTON ARISES IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LOCAL

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FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING SECSTATE 087014 SENT ACTION ROME APR 18;

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